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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby supplement the information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 8, 2002.

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA) under §1.53(d); (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, applicants submit the following additional explanations for JP-A-60-27700 and JP-A-07-150419, both of which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 8, 2002. Copies of these two documents were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of January 8, 2002, and, therefore, no copies are being submitted herewith. JP-A-60-27700 is discussed at page 21 of the present specification. JP-A-07-150419 corresponds to Japanese Patent 2,778,434 which is also discussed at page 21 of the present specification.

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